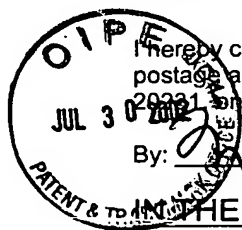


Docket No.: M&N-IT280

#5 2433



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

By: [Signature]

Date: July 23, 2002

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED

Applicant : Jörg-Reinhardt Kropp et al.

AUG 01 2002

Applic. No. : 10/079,731

Technology Center 2600

Filed : February 21, 2002

Title : Device and Method for Multiplexing and/or Demultiplexing Optical Signals of a Plurality of Wavelengths

Art Unit : 2633

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 5,808,763 (Duck et al.), dated September 15, 1998;

United States Patent No. 6,008,920 (Hendrix), dated December 28, 1999;

European Patent Application EP 0 877 264 A2 (Lernoff et al.), dated November 11, 1998;

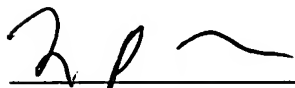
European Patent Application EP 1 004 907 A2 (Lernoff et al.), dated May 31, 2000;

Japanese Patent Abstract JP 09 090 155 (Nakada), dated April 4, 1997;

International Search Report dated March 4, 2002.

If no translation of pertinent portions of any foreign language patents or publications mentioned above is included with the aforementioned copies of those applications, patents and/or publications, it is because no existing translation is readily available to the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,



For Applicants

Mark P. Weichselbaum  
Reg. No. 43,248

Date: July 23, 2002

Lerner And Greenberg, P.A.  
Post Office Box 2480  
Hollywood, FL 33022-2480  
Tel: (954) 925-1100  
Fax: (954) 925-1101

/bmb

FORM PTO-1449 (SUBSTITUTE)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEINFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT  
(37 CFR 1.98(b))Attorney Docket No.:  
M&N-IT280Applic. No.  
10/079,731

Applicant

Jörg-Reinhardt Kropp et al.

Filing Date  
February 21, 2002Group Art Unit  
2633

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS		PATENT NO.	DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE
	A	5,808,763	09/15/98	Duck et al.			
	B	6,008,920	12/28/99	Hendrix			
	C						
	D						
	E						
	F						
	G						
	H						
	I						

RECEIVED

AUG 01 2002

Technology Center 2600

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSL. YES   NO
	J	0 877 264 A2	11/11/98	Europe			X
	K	1 004 907 A2	05/31/00	Europe			X
	L	09 090 155	04/04/97	Japan.			X
	M						
	N						

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	O	
	P	

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.